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Applicant

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Examiner

: Lam, Ann Y

Title

: CATHETER HAVING A TAPERED TIP

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AMENDMENT

Mail Stop RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This Amendment is responsive to the final Office action of June 14, 2005, the response for which is due September 14, 2005. Please amend and reconsider the above-referenced application.

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